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S. 994

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2007

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disabled Veterans
5 Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VETERANS BENEFICIARY TRAVEL PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **ELIMINATION OF DEDUCTIBLE.**—

1 (1) ELIMINATION.—Section 111 of title 38,
2 United States Code, is amended by striking sub-
3 section (c).

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b)
5 of such section is amended by striking “Except as
6 provided in subsection (c) of this section and not-
7 withstanding” and inserting “Notwithstanding”.

8 (b) DETERMINATION OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
9 RATE.—

10 (1) DETERMINATION.—Paragraph (1) of sub-
11 section (g) of such section is amended to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 “(1) In determining the amount of allowances or re-
14 imbursement to be paid under this section, the Secretary
15 shall use the mileage reimbursement rates for the use of
16 privately owned vehicles by Government employees on offi-
17 cial business, as prescribed by the Administrator of Gen-
18 eral Services under section 5707(b) of title 5.”.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (g)
20 of such section is further amended by striking para-
21 graphs (3) and (4).

22 (c) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Such section is further
23 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(i) Amounts for payments under this section shall
2 be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made
3 available to the Department specifically for such pay-
4 ments.”.

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this Act shall apply with respect to travel expenses in-
7 curred after the expiration of the 90-day period that be-
8 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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